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SUBJECT: GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18

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1. GATT DG LONG CALLED MEETING OF GENEVA CG-18 DELS  
MAY 10 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR CG-18 MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR 8 AND 9 JUNE. GROUP AGREED THAT CG-18 WOULD  
MEET AFTERNOON OF 8 JUNE AND MORNING OF 9 JUNE LEAVING  
REMAINING TIME OPEN FOR BILATERAL CONTACTS, WITH TRADI-  
TIONAL WORKING DINNER SCHEDULED EVENING OF JUNE 8. LONG  
RECOMMENDED, IN VIEW OF ACCELERATED PHASE OF MTN, THAT  
PREVIOUS ITEMS ON AGENDA RELATING TO MTN SUBJECTS BE  
DROPPED. IN THEIR PLACE HE SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING TWO  
TOPICS: (A) THE EVOLUTION OF COMMERCIAL POLICY FOR THE  
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AFTERNOON OF JUNE 8 AND (B) THE GATT AFTER THE TOKYO  
ROUND FOR THE MORNING OF JUNE 9.

2. LONG, IN A RAMBLING PROFESSORIAL DISCOURSE, DESCRIBED  
THE FIRST TOPIC AS AN EXAMINATION OF CONCRETE PROBLEMS  
IN THE COMMERCIAL POLICY AREA. CG-18 SHOULD ASSESS  
CURRENT "HOT POINTS" IN COMMERCIAL POLICY AND SHOULD

APPROACH ITS TASK IN BOTH A DIAGNOSTIC AND PRESCRIPTIVE MANNER. IN DIAGNOSING THE PROBLEM HE SUGGESTED SEVERAL POSSIBLE APPROACHES: (A) WHAT ARE THE SECTORS IN PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY TODAY? (B) WHAT ARE THE POSSIBILITIES OF INTERNAL POLITICS FOR KEEPING DOWN PROTECTIONIST MEASURES? AND (C) HOW DO INTERNAL ECONOMIC MEASURES AFFECT INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICIES? AFTER HAVING DIAGNOSED THE PROBLEM, THE GROUP SHOULD EXAMINE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONFLICT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO "THE GATT AFTER THE TOKYO ROUND", WHICH LONG SUB-TITLED "THE CONDUCT OF COMMERCIAL POLICY IN THE FUTURE", HE THOUGHT THAT THE GROUP COULD EXAMINE THE FOLLOWING: (A) HOW TO MAINTAIN AND CONTINUE A POLICY OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION IN ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS, (B) COMMERCIAL POLICY IN THE CONTEXT OF UNSTABLE MONETARY POLICIES, (C) COMMERCIAL POLICY IN A PERIOD OF ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING, A PROBLEM WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS BECOMING MORE ACUTE, (D) REFORM OF THE JURIDICAL FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURES OF ITS APPLICATION, AND (E) THE POLITICAL MANAGEMENT OF COMMERCIAL POLICY WHICH HE VIEWED AS THE PROBLEM OF TRANSLATING GENERAL COMMITMENTS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL (HE REFERRED TO ECONOMIC SUMMITS) TO CONCRETE RESULTS AT THE PRACTICAL LEVEL.

4. WE INDICATED THAT PROPOSED AGENDA PRESENTED A RATHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOOSE AND UNSTRUCTURED PROGRAM AND ASKED IF THE SECRETARIAT MIGHT PREPARE PAPERS TO BETTER FOCUS THE DISCUSSION OF THE GROUP. LONG INDICATED THAT THE SECRETARIAT WOULD BE PREPARED TO DO SO IF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP FELT IT USEFUL. (WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARIAT HAS NEARLY COMPLETED FIRST DRAFTS IN EXPECTATION OF SUCH A REQUEST.) ONLY OTHER DELEGATE TO SPEAK WAS EGYPTIAN WHO ASKED THAT ANY PAPER PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT IMF MEETINGS IN MEXICO CITY.

5. WE ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF SECRETARIAT'S "SURVEY OF DEVELOPMENTS IN COMMERCIAL POLICY", AND LONG SAID TOPIC COULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER FIRST AGENDA ITEM. CANADIANS INDICATED TO US AFTER MEETING THAT THEY ALSO WANTED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT IN CG-18 SINCE THEY WERE UNHAPPY AT INCLUSION OF ANTIDUMPING MEASURES IN SURVEY.

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